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Gentlemen.

I again have the honour of presenting my Annual Report for the Rural District of Uttoxeter for the year, 1943.

The area of the district is 55228 acres and the principle occupation is agriculture and dairy farming.

The resident civilian population has been estimated at 9710.

The rateable value is £30744 and the nett sum produced by a penny rate is £133.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births. During the year there were 153 live births in and belonging to the district, 74 boys and 79 girls. This is a birth rate of 15.75 compared with 16.5 the birth rate for England and Wales.

Four of these were illegitimate births.

There were 8 still births.

Deaths. There were 106 deaths, which is a death rate of 10.9 compared with 12.1 the rate for England and Wales.

Infantile mortality. Five infants died under one year of age, one of which was an illegitimate child. This is an infantile mortality death rate of 32.7 compared with 49 the rate for England and Wales.

There were not any deaths from puerperal sepsis or any other puerperal causes.

There was one death from whooping cough and two from influenza but none from measles, infantile diarrhoea or other infectious disease.

The other principal causes of death were cancer, 13, brain/11, heartdisease and other disorders of the circulation 36, respiratory diseases 9 and tuberculosis 6.

Provision of health services. Laboratory examinations are undertaken as usual by the County laboratory at Stafford.

Nursing. Home nursing, midwifery and health visiting is carried out by the district nurses in the various parts of the district. There are no clinics or treatment centres.

General hospital treatment is obtained at the various Infirmaries at Derby, Hartshill, Stafford and Burton, and ambulance facilities can be provided by the Uttoxeter Urban ambulances when necessary. Cases of infectious disease are sent to the isolation hospitals belonging to the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board.

Sanitary Circumstances.

Water. The water supply is unchanged, some of the district is supplied by the South Staffordshire water supply, and part by the Cheadle supply, and part by the Uttoxeter Urban supply in other parts of the district the supply is poor as in so many rural districts.

Sewerage and sewage disposal is unchanged.

Housing. Eight agricultural houses have been completed during the year and are rapidly occupied.

Food. Milk. A large amount of milk is produced in the district the farms and dairies have been inspected as usual.

Meat. There are not any slaughter houses being used at the present



time, all meat being imported into the district.

Infectious diseases. During the year I have received notifications of the following infectious diseases, scarlet fever 13 cases, erysipelas 1, measles 157, whooping cough 79, and pneumonia 4. There have been several cases of influenza.

The following schools were closed on account of infectious disease:- Kingstone school from Feb. 1st to Feb 12th on account of influenza. Newborough school from Feb 20th to Mar. 1st on account of measles, Leigh school from Feb 20th to Mar. 8th on account of influenza, Great Gate school from Mar. 20th to April, 2nd on account of influenza, Middleton Green school from May 20th to May 30th on account of whooping cough, Stanton school from July 13th to July 22nd on account of whooping cough, Stanton school and Great Gate school from Nov. 30th to Decr. 10th Mayfield school from Decr. 14th to Decr. 23rd. and Denstone school from Decr. 15th to Decr. 23rd all on account of influenza.

Diphtheria immunisation. During the year 172 children under 5 years of age and 245 over 5 years were immunised at the various schools in the district and in addition several rural children recieved treatment while attending school in the urban area, so quite a good percentage of children are now immunised.

Tuberculosis. No action was required under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations.

During the year 5 cases of pulmonary and 3 of non pulmonary tuberculosis were notified 3 males aged 2, 9, and 21 yeats of age and 5 females aged 18, 29, 31, 36, and 46 years of age.

There were 6 deaths from tuberculosis which gives a death rate of .62 for tubercular diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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